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## Auctions.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Captain BUCKNER, R.N., to sell by Public Auction, on

## TUESDAY,

the 27th November, 1888, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Room, Queen's Road, the whole of his

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising—

TAPESTRY-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, BRUSSELS CARPET, TEAKWOOD DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD, TEAKWOOD WARDROBE, CHAIRS, DAVENPORT, CHICKENY and GLASS WARE; FILTER and LAMPS, DOTTED LION BRISTLE with HAIR and WIRE SPRING MATTRESS, COMPLETE; TEAKWOOD WARDROBE, CHAIRS, DAVENPORT, CHICKENY and GLASS WARE; TEAKWOOD TABLE with GLASS and MARBLE-TOP, WASHINGTON, &c., &c.

THE REMAINING FURNITURE, (Belonging to Sir GEORGE PHILLIPS), comprising—

CRISTON-COVERED EASY CHAIRS and CHAIRS; WARDROBE; SINGLE IRON BEDSTEAD with SPRING and HAIR MATTRESS; 2 IRON WIRE BACKS; PARLOUR STOVE; 1 MOTTED MARBLE; CHAIRS, RUGS, &c., &c.

And SUNDRY OTHER FURNITURE, &c., comprising—

CRISTON-COVERED SOFA, DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES, with GLASS DOORS, SIDEBOARD with SPRING and HAIR MATTRESS; CHAIRS, CHIFFONIER, GLASS BOOK CASE, MARBLE-TOP CENTRE TABLE, &c.

1 COTTAGE PIANO, by GUSTAV, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS of SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, November 22, 1888. 1970

## Notices to Consignees.

GREEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glenartney*, having arrived from the above Ports, consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godowns Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 29th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are also requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 5th of December, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 22, 1888. 1967

UNION LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM ANTWERP, HAMBURG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Yorkshire*, Captain ARNOLD, having arrived from the above Ports, consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from the Godowns.

The Steamship is berthed at Kowloon, and Cargo impeding her discharge will be at once landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense, and no Fire Insurance will be effected.

Consignees of Iron must take delivery from alongside the wharves; the Steamer will not be responsible for incorrect delivery of marks.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on to SHANGHAI, unless notice to the contrary be given before 5 p.m. To-day, the 16th inst.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th inst., or they will not be recognized.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 16, 1888. 1932

NETHERLANDS INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM SOERABAYA, SAMARANG, BATAVIA AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship *Almora*, having arrived from the above Ports, consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godowns Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 26th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are also requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 3rd of December, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 10, 1888. 1953

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Cassandra*, Captain THOMSEN, having arrived from the above Ports, consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-morrow.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Kowloon Free and Godowns Co. and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th inst. at 4 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 21, 1888. 1993

## Notices to Consignees.

STEAMSHIP *CADONEN*.

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London and from Havre, ex Steamship *Cadonen*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasures and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 11 a.m. To-day (Thursday), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining undelivered after Thursday, the 29th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at one cent per packet per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 1st of December, 1888, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, November 22, 1888. 1964

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Wingyong*, having arrived from the above Ports, consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godowns Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the 29th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Consignees are requested to present all Claims for damages and/or shortages not later than the 5th of December, otherwise they will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 22, 1888. 1968

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. *PENBISHIRE*, FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Kowloon Wharf and Godowns Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-morrow.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 26th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, November 19, 1888. 1954

TO-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY AND OPERA COMPANY.

Directors.—MESSRS. P. W. WILLARD and JOHN F. SHERIDAN.

TO-MORROW EVENING,

Gilbert & Sullivan's Popular Comic Opera, 'THE MIKADO.'

or

'THE TOWN OF TITIPU.'

Cast of Characters.—Mr. A. Satch, Nanki-Poo (the Son), disguised as a wandering minstrel, and in love with Yum-Yum.

Ko-Ko (Lord High Executioner of Titipu), John F. Sheridan.

Poo-Tee (the Son), Miss M. Imano.

Everything (Elo), H. M. Imano.

Phish-Tush (a Noble Lord), Phil. Ray.

Go-Go (Lord High Executioner of Titipu), W. Crapp.

Yum-Yum (Three Sisters), Miss Maudie Hare.

Poo-Poo (the Son), G. Whiteford.

Kotik (an elderly Lady in love with Nanki-Poo), E. Leanington.

CHORUS OF SCHOOL-GIRLS, NOBLES, GUARDS, AND COOLES.

Act I.—Court-yard of Ko-Ko's Official Residence; Act II.—Ko-Ko's Garden.

Conductor.—Mr. J. A. ROBERTSON.

Notice.—The Directorate beg to announce that this Opera will be mounted and staged in the most complete and elaborate manner, and will be a perfect reproduction of the GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S OPERA as produced at the SATURDAY THEATRE, LONDON.

NEW SCENERY BY W. HASSAN.

Prices of Admission: Dress Circle and Special Stalls—8s.

Stalls—5s.

Pit—3s.

The Plan may be seen and Seats secured at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED.

PEMBERTON W. WILLARD.

Hongkong, November 23, 1888. 1976

COMING SOON.

CHIARINI'S GRAND CIRCUS

AND

WORLD-RENOWNED ZOOLOGICAL AGGREGATION.

THERE IS NOTHING IN ASIA TO EQUAL THIS

FIRST-CLASS EXHIBITION.

Look out for future announcements.

L. MAYA, Secretary.

Hongkong, November 23, 1888. 1974

## To-day's Advertisements.

## INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

## FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Co.'s Steamship *Wingyong*, Capt. S. CHOW, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 28th inst., at 3 p.m.

This Steamer has superior first-class Accommodation, specially constructed to meet the requirements of tropical climates.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, November 23, 1888. 1971

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW CHOWANG, TIENSIN, HANKOW and Ports on the YANGTZE.)

The Co.'s Steamship *Ulysses*, Captain BUTLER, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 2nd December.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, November 23, 1888. 1977

THE GIBB LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

(Calling at SINGAPORE, JAV, PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, &c.)

The British Steamer *Fatholm*, Captain GOSNOLD, will be despatched as above on or about the 6th Proximo.

Attention is directed to this Steamer's comfortable Saloon and State Rooms, affording excellent Accommodation for First Class Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Managers.

Hongkong, November 23, 1888. 1073

STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEEN, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI, PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

ALSO, BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for BATAVIA, PERISIAN GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES, TUNIS, HAMBURG, NEW YORK AND BOSTON.

SPECIE ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *THAMES*, Captain A. SEARON, R.N., with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this Port for LONDON, via BOMBAY and SUEZ CANAL on WEDNESDAY, 5th December, at Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. on the day before sailing.

Parcels and Special Goods at the Office.

Silk and Valuables for Europe will be transhipped at Colombo; Tea and General Cargo for London will be conveyed direct Bombay without transhipment, arriving one week later than by the direct route via Colombo.

For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bill of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

E. L. WOODIN, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, November 23, 1888. 1975

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS. Nov. 23, 1888.

Stocks.

Not. of Shares.

Value.

Paid-up.

Closing Quotations.

Cash.

BANKS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp. 50,000 \$ 125 all 167 1/2 prem., buyers

INSURANCES.

Union Insurance Society Co., Ltd. 10,000 \$ 250 25 3/8

China Insurance Co., Ltd. 24,000 \$ 83.33 25 3/8

North-China Insurance Co., Ltd. 20,000 \$ 200 25 3/8

Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd. 8,000 £ 25 all 115 9/16

Chinese Insurance Co., Limited. 1,000 \$ 200 81 1/2, buyers

Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd. 10,000 \$ 250 50 3/4, buyers

The Straits Insurance Co., Ltd. 30,000 \$ 100 50 3/4, buyers

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. 20,000 \$ 100 20 3/4, buyers

Shing Fui Insurance Co., Ltd. 12,000 \$ 100 20 3/4, buyers

The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. 20,000 \$ 100 20 3/4, buyers

Singapore Insurance Company, Ltd. 40,000 \$ 100 20 3/4, buyers

DOCKS.

H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. 12,500 \$ 125 all 337 1/2 prem., buyers

STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.

H.K. & Co. Steamship Co., Ltd. 40,000 \$ 20 all 111 1/2 prem., buyers

Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited. 60,000 \$ 10 all 20 1/2 dis., nom.

Douglas Steamship Co., Limited. 20,000 \$ 50 all 261, buyers

China and Manila S. S. Co., Ltd. 3,500 \$ 50 all 117 1/2, sales

MISCELLANEOUS.

China Sugar Company, Limited. 15,000 \$ 100 all 81 1/4, sellers

Luzon Sugar Company, Limited. 7,000 \$ 100 all 81 1/4, cash

Panama & Sangua Dea Sangua. 40,000 \$ 10 all 81 1/4, sales

Mining Co. 8,000 £ 500 £ 500 110 1/2 prem.

Shing Fui Co. 3,000 \$ 10 all 84 1/2 prem.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited. 3,000 \$ 10 all 100 1/2 prem.

Cricketbank & Co., Limited. 1,000 \$ 50 all 100 1/2 prem.

Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd. 3,000 \$ 100 all 117 1/2, ex div., nominal

H.K. & Co. China Gas Co., Limited. 1,000 £ 10 all 110 1/2, nominal

Hongkong Ice Company, Limited. 5,000 \$ 25 all 84 1/2

Hongkong Bakery Company, Ltd. 600 \$ 50 all 85 1/2, nominal

H'kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. 3,000 \$ 50 all 87 1/2

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Ltd. 3,000 \$ 10 all 80 3/4, buyers

H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd. 1,500 \$ 10 all 81 1/2

Campbell, Messrs & Co., Limited. 3,000 \$ 50 50 3/4, nominal

East Borneo Planting Co., Limited. 4,000 \$ 50 20 1/2 dis., on \$20—\$15 per share

Songel Koyah Planting Co., Ltd. 500 \$ 50 20 1/2, sales

LOANS.

Chinese Imperial 1884 \$ 8,565 \$ 500 all 3 1/2 prem.

" 1884 \$ 318 500 all 5 1/2 prem.

" 1885 \$ 170,000 £ 1,200 14 1/2 prem.

## Not Responsible for Debts.

## Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour—

GENERAL WARDER, Germ. steamer, Capt. Schuckmann, Melchior & Co.

ORANG, British barque, Capt. N. Brown, Edmond Schollhaus & Co.

RATHFEL, American ship, Captain E. W. Harkness.—Order.

Per *Calidonia*, from Hongkong: for Shanghai, Mr. E. Russell, and Capt. Fletcher, R.A.; for Kobe, Mr. and Mrs. G. Heymann, child and aunt; for Yokohama, Mr. R. F. Crawford. For Shanghai: from Marseilles, Messrs E. Agon and P. Roy, Fathers Pères Tagliferri and Pollak. For Kobe: from Marseilles, Messrs J. Oda and Tachibana. For Yokohama: from Marseilles, Messrs Poyro, R. Koe, Vincent Watanabe, Messrs K. Hama, Hiratake, H. Ogashima, L. Del Castello Triguero (Spanish Minister), Sisters S. Sibastian and Ste. Sabine.

Per *Ajao*, for Amoy, 3 Europeans, and 100 Chinese



The Choral Society are making progress with "Iolanthe." They have a rehearsal to-night and intend having rehearsals on following nights, Nov. 25th and 28th, Dec. 3rd, 6th, 7th, 10th, 12th, 15th and 18th. The dress rehearsal is on the 19th Dec., first performance on the 20th and the second performance on the 22nd December.

A meeting of gentlemen favourable to the formation of a Literary Society was held this afternoon in the City Hall. Between fifty and sixty attended, and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q. C., presided. Dr. Cantlie, who was called upon to explain the object of the meeting, said he had taken it upon himself to convene the meeting knowing that a desire for the formation of a Literary Society had been entertained for a long time by many residents and only wanted something to give it a start. There had been two societies of a similar kind formerly here but had died out, and he thought it was a pity that the Colony should be without such a means of intellectual recreation. Such a society, he remarked, would supply the want to some extent of a circulating library, a boon which was not available here except to those who belong to the Hongkong Club. He would go so far as to suggest that one of the objects of the Society should be to found a circulating library. He then read a memorandum of suggested objects and rules for the consideration of the meeting. Among the suggestions were the following:—that the society should encourage the reading of papers, and further debates and discussions on suitable subjects; that ladies be admitted as honorary members; that the annual subscription be £2 for members and £1 for honorary members; that the session extend from 20th October to 20th March, and that the meetings be held on the first and third Mondays of each month; that every member should be obliged to attend one half of the meetings of the session, and that readings at private houses should be encouraged. Dr. Cantlie concluded by moving a resolution to the effect that a Literary Society on the lines indicated be formed. The motion was seconded by Mr. W. Legge and carried *en. cor.* Mr. W. Judd added a suggestion to those submitted by Dr. Cantlie to the effect that the society affiliate with the Royal Asiatic Society. The meeting then proceeded to appoint officers. On the motion of Mr. W. Legge seconded by Dr. Ho Kai, Dr. Chalmers was unanimously elected President for the first session, and the other officers were appointed as follows:—Hon. Secretary, Dr. Cantlie; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. E. Robinson; Reference Committee, Rev. W. Jennings, Messrs W. Judd, J. J. Francis, C. Ford and G. H. B. Wright. On the motion of Mr. Francis the suggestions submitted were referred to the officers and committee to be reported on to a subsequent meeting. On the motion of Dr. Cantlie, seconded by Mr. T. H. Whitehead, Mr. A. MacGillivray was appointed vice-president of the society. At the close of the meeting most of those present were entertained as members.

Another old China hand has gone the way of all flesh. Mr. W. S. Barker, a New-chang pilot, who had been in the colony for many years, died last Saturday night. The deceased came out to China in 1855, and went to Newchwang in 1862.

The following is a copy of a letter recently written by a Chinaman:—*Muz—* I want to buy one bottle of opium medicine so I call my coffee stand a dollar and your house thank you give him six good night.

In a black-bordered paragraph the *Japan Mail* announces the death of the Imperial Prince Aki, who expired on the 19th inst., having been born on the 22nd of August, 1887. He was the fourth son of the Emperor of Japan. Only one Imperial Prince, aged nine years, and two Princesses, now survive.

RAILWAYS IN SIBERIA.—It is proposed to connect by railroads those parts of Siberia and the Amur Province between which there is no communication by water, thus connecting Vladivostok with European Russia; thus, railways will be made from Vladivostok to Buss, and from Stretok to Tomsk. The surveys are now being carried out by command of the Russian Government, and will be concluded this year except that of the Trans-Baikal district, where part of the survey is postponed till next year. When the results of the survey are known in St. Petersburg this winter, the question will be definitely settled, whether those railways be constructed at the cost of the Treasury, or of a private company, which has been already formed without any guarantee from the Government, but with consents will be made from that unless unforeseen obstacles occur, the building of these railways will commence in the spring of 1899 and will be completed by 1899 or 1904.—*Vladivostok.*

His Excellency Lieut. Ming-Chuan, the energetic and energetic Governor of Formosa, is not to be trifled with; he is putting down the rising in Formosa with a strong hand, but he has also promptly procured the punishment of the officials under him, through whose mismanagement and oppression the revolts have been caused. As will be observed by the following paragraph from the *Peking Gazette*:—The magistrate of Chi-Lo-Kang in Formosa is dismissed from the public service for misconduct in connection with the assessment of the land tax in his district. He is declared to have been guilty of making false reports and of mistreatment of human life. The Acting Magistrate of Fengshun, or Peking, is cashiered for making untrue representations, but is directed to continue to give his assistance to the land surveyors. Both officers are ordered to refund immediately the sums lawfully or pretended to be expended by them. The Sub-prefect of Po-nan (Palau) is likewise dismissed. He is stated in the Decree to have been greedy of money, to have been wanting in compassion towards the natives, to have withdrawn grain supplies and to have quitted his post without leave. These three officers are punished on the recommendation of the Governor of Formosa, and if further enquiries into their conduct show it to be necessary, fresh proceedings will be instituted against them.—*Shanghai Mercury.*

M. R. de Malherbe has been appointed Secretary to the French Municipal Council in place of the late M. Bonabeau. The appointment is one that gives general satisfaction.—*N. C. Daily News.*

PORT ANTIEN.—We hear a school for native artillerymen has been established in Lus-lunk-on (Port Arthur), in the former residence of General van Haecken; this distinguished officer is to go to Wei-hai-wai, we understand, to direct the erection of the new fortifications.

An execution took place outside the South Gate on Saturday morning, the victim being a man who murdered and robbed a boatman over a year ago. It is rumored that the robbers of the Chartered Mercantile Bank are also shortly to lose their heads.—*N. C. Daily News.*

We regret to hear that Cavalier A. Tessari, the late Consul for Italy at Shanghai, died at Nanto on the 19th October last, soon after his return from Shanghai. The flag of the various Consulates in Shanghai were half-mast high on the 17th inst. out of respect to Cav. Tessari's memory.

A JAPAN vernacular paper states that since the stoppage of Chinese immigration in America there has been an increase in the number of Chinese immigrants to Japan. Recently 486 arrived at Yokohama, and most of them are now employed in teaching geology at a rate of remuneration which none but Chinese would expect.

We learn from reliable authority that Count Luca, the Italian Minister at Peking, has notified the Tsung-li Yamen, that henceforth no Italian passports for the interior of China will be issued any more, or, in other words, Italy refuses to protect her subjects in China except at the treaty ports.—*Shanghai Courier.*

We hear that, owing to the great amount of smuggling going on at certain River stations, which are not treaty ports, the Customs authorities are considering the advisability of establishing stations, in charge of foreigners, at several non-treaty ports, such as Ningbo, Ningbo, etc.—*Shanghai Courier.*

Mr. Menarini sends us a catalogue of the objects which he displayed in the Formosa-China section of the Barcelona International Exhibition, nearly the whole of which he has since offered to the principal museums of Spain and Italy. Mr. Menarini is returning to China by the next German mail steamer, the *Bayern*.—*N. C. Daily News.*

THE AMERICAN MUSICAL COMEDY AND OPERA COMPANY.  
"IL TROVATORE."  
Verdi's opera, "Il Trovatore," was given by Messrs Willard and Sheridan's Company in the Theatre Royal last night, before a somewhat small audience. It might fairly have been expected that a standard work of this character would draw a good house; but whether it is that the musical taste of the Colony does not run at present in the direction of grand opera, or that the expectations formed of the performance were not sufficiently high, there was undoubtedly a larger number of vacant seats in the Theatre last night than we have been accustomed to see at the performances of this company. It is quite true that to those who are familiar with Verdi's popular work, and who can recall more or less brilliant presentations of it, a mediocre rendering is not very enjoyable, as it serves merely to remind them how dreadfully hackneyed its strains are, without being able to revive interest in them, and shows in a cold-blooded way which require the power of genius to make them successful. Although the artists last night acquitted themselves all round in a fairly creditable manner—some of them deserve a little warmer praise—and conscientiously did their utmost to make the performance a success, the result of their united efforts was certainly not above mediocrity. Some allowance must of course be made for the limitations of their resources. Mr. Robertson, although a skillful pianist, could not supply the necessary orchestral effects, and though there was comparatively little chorus work to be done the want of an impressive volume of tone was occasionally a considerable defect. The "Anvil chorus," for instance, was a failure of a very depressing kind. Its effect would not have been quite so deplorable but for the erratic conduct of the energetic but misguided artist who undertook the task of supplying the anvil accompaniment. If he had had the chorus on a bona fide anvil before him, and had "gone for it" with a real sledge-hammer, he could not have killed it more effectively than he did.

A number of excisions were made in the score, but it might with advantage have been cut down a little more. The work even as it stood was far too heavy for the company, and there was all through an evident strain on the poorly supported principals which detracted much from the pleasure that their singing might have been calculated to afford. Still, with all its shortcomings, the performance showed, better than anything else that has been done by these artists here, the genuine talent they possess, and the audience were by no means slow to recognise this. Miss Harle's *Leonora* was perhaps the best sustained character of the whole cast. Her acting and singing were both admirable. Her voice it is true has not that matured richness and power of expressing deep passion necessary to a first-class rendering of the music, but her refined style and purity of intonation and her ability to cope with technical difficulties stood her in good stead, and she made the best use of those advantages. She was as great a favourite with the audience as ever, and was deservedly rewarded with hearty plaudits. Mr. Fisher was a little lifeless in the part of *Montecristo*, but on the whole gave a satisfactory account of the music. As *Conte di Luna* Mr. Imano had good opportunity for using his fine voice to advantage, and as a rule he did not fail to make the most of it.

His excursions, however, were a little too infrequent, and his high notes were somewhat forced. Miss Morrison was in good voice, but played the part of *Fu* with quickness and taste. Miss Leanington was hardly equal to the role of the gipsy mother, her limited compass and weak enunciation being against her; but in the favourite "Prison Scene" she made a very favourable impression. As *Ferrando* Mr. Smith made by far the best appearance he has yet made in Hongkong, and the hearty recognition with which his really good singing and acting met was well merited. Mr. Whiffen Cripps gave a satisfactory account of the part of *Rais*. The *Mikado* will be produced tomorrow evening.

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